

Selectmen's Minute

June 17, 2013

Selectmen: Richard Carver, Nancy Colson, Linda Post

Present: Michael Vonnannon, Robert Salo, Sherry Fogg, Cecil Fogg, Sheila Salo Polky, Steven Hallett, Lewis Edwards, Andrew York, Bonnie Post, Kay Dodge, David & Beverly Gravison

5:00 PM Tom Edwards (Assessor) spoke to the selectmen as a non assessor role. They discussed the property on Map 004, Lot 014. Tom Edwards went over and inspected it. and said it was valuable to put on the real estate market instead of an auction house. He said to ask 4 or 5 Brokers to come and look at it and give an opinion. Also to hire an attorney to clear the title. The selectmen would like to have a quit claim deed. It would make the property more marketable if it has title insurance. He also suggested that the town spend some money to get it cleaned and mowed.

5:15 Public Forum- No one present

Discussion of Fire Department

Cecil Fogg, Sherry Fogg, Sheila Polky, Robert Salo approached the Selectmen in regards to the fire at Frankies Garage. Cecil Fogg said he wanted a job description for the Fire Chief and other members. Richard Carver said that we could get a copy for them. Sheila Polky and her daughter discovered the fire and watched the whole thing. As an onlooker she felt that the fire should of been put out. She said that Cecil has been to South Thomaston, Owls Head and Rockland to talk to the other firemen. The census was they were not happy the way things were run.

In Chief Ross's report he put in a personal opinion, also stated it hadn't been plowed and it had been. He also added the water company statement after the first incident report was written. He stated that we had low water pressure so they had to go to the vocational school to get water. But he never called the water company for two weeks. Sherry Fogg said there could have been another fire in between that time. Also it was mentioned that he listed what was in the building on the report, how could he know he never went in, also that it was full of vehicles. Cecil Fogg said the bay where the furnace is was empty that night. It was noted that at the vocational school they didn't have the right kind of hookup with them to get water. They had to borrow equipment from another town. The Fogg's brought all kinds of pictures with them that had the date and time of each picture as to what was happening.

Sherry Fogg said that she has written to the Insurance Company and Fire Marshalls to get a copy of their reports. She is still waiting for them. The selectmen have asked for copies so they can compare it to the Owls Head Fire Department report. Sherry also stated that Frank Ross said it was a poorly maintained waste oil heater. When it was inspected after the fire the forensic fire

inspector said it had a small rust hole in the tube. It would have never been seen at a regular inspection.

Cecil asked Frank Ross why he didn't use foam and Frank Ross told him it was too expensive.

Cecil Fogg at the end said to the Selectmen that he would like the Selectmen to take a long hard look and see if Frank Ross is still qualified to be Fire Chief.

Richard Carver said that the selectmen are looking to hiring an independent auditor to go over the Fire Company and the bylaws.

6:00 PM Donation Request letters. Every year the Town of Owls Head receives request for money to different organizations. Nancy Colson made a motion to give to Coastal Trans, Kno-Wal-Lin and Senior Spectrum. Our budget is \$500.00 and we will divide in thirds to give to them.

Dottie and Robert Liberty sent an email to the Selectmen in regards to the corner of North Shore Drive and Ash Point Drive. They said the edge of the tar is breaking up, it is dirty and asked if it could be cleaned up. We also had a call about a pot hole near the fire station, the DOT was called they came and patch the holes in both areas. They did not clean up the area on Ash Point Drive.

The retired teachers association are having a lawn sale on October 26 downstairs at the community building. They asked the Selectmen to waive the fee. Richard Carver made a motion to waive the community building fee, Nancy Colson seconded it. All in favor. They are raising money for a scholarship.

Warrant Articles, Richard Carver wrote up an article for the selectmen to accept gifts on behalf of the town instead of having to have a Special Town meeting every time. We also had one from another town. Linda Post liked the other one but it was noted that it would have to go on the warrant every year. So they combined the 2nd one with one line from Richard Carvers. Richard Carver made a motion to have the article written like this:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept on behalf of the Town, unconditional gifts of property and/or donations which they feel are in the Town's best interest to accept. This authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by a Town Meeting.

Nancy Colson seconded it all in favor.

Ingraham's sewer need to have the pump wells and lines cleaned of debris.

Nancy Colson made a motion to accept the bid from Interstate Septic for \$1400.00. Linda Post seconded it. All in Favor.

Harriet Ferguson gave the phone contract for the selectmen to look at. The contract has expired. Nancy Colson made a motion to extend it for three years, Richard Carver seconded it. All in Favor.

Cemetery, Michael Vonnannon was present for the committee. They would like to request \$3000.00 a year on the budget from the town to work on the graves. She also asked about the Anna Kangas estate to see if they qualified. Richard Carver said they did but would have to get back to them about the amount that they could do. She mentioned that Sue Choate has been cleaning behind the Don Willey's cemetery area and wanted permission for Sue to continue. Selectmen all agreed she could. She said the land in front was a mess, not buildable and was wondering if they could approach the owner about donating it. The selectmen will check into it. She also wanted to know if next year we could ask that they include trimming up trees and bushes at the cemeteries to part of the lawn mowing job. They agreed it could. Also that legally the lawns should be mowed starting May 1st to September 30th. Could that be put on the lawn mowing bid form? The Selectmen said yes. The Historical Society was present at this meeting and they said they could help with the Civil War graves. Michael is going to get together with them.

Waterfront: The final bill has been sent to FEMA.

Mussel Ridge Historical Society (Bonnie Post and Kay Dodge) wanted to let the selectmen to know what they have been doing. They are going to spend \$2000.00 for their own money to have a Building condition assessment. Some people have already been to look at the building to give them an estimate of what it would cost for the assessment. They are still thinking about the Village School and moving it. They are also planning to reshingle the Old homestead with wooden shingles.

Map/Lot 004-014 Tom Edwards (Assessor) suggested that we hire a title attorney to get things going on this house. Call Fred Newcomb and ask who a good one is.

Heating Oil for the 2013 - 2014 Richard Carver made a motion to accept the \$3.17 a gal bid from Knox County. Nancy Colson seconded it. All in Favor.

July 3rd - MMA is going to inspect all our buildings.

Nancy Colson made a motion to accept the minutes from June 3, 2013 as is. Richard Carver seconded it. All in favor.

Warrants and Payrolls were approved and signed.

Meeting adjourned 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Curtis, Recording Secretary